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Sir:

The following amendments and response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2007 setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on January 30, 2008.

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